

Kansas Personal and Family Protection Act

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Recognized Non-Kansas Concealed Carry Handgun Licenses (Post-July 1, 2013)

Beginning July 1, 2013, the State of Kansas will recognize all “valid” concealed carry licenses (or permits, cards, etc.) that are issued by another State or the District of Columbia. **HOWEVER**, there are two important caveats to that general rule: (1) this recognition only extends to individuals who are not residents of Kansas. If you are passing through Kansas to another state, or staying in Kansas temporarily for business or pleasure – a valid CCH license from another jurisdiction will be honored beginning July 1, 2013; and (2) this recognition will only allow the license holder to carry a concealed handgun. Any other defensive weapons carried by the non-Kansas license holder must, as with all Kansas residents, be carried in accordance with Kansas law while they are within Kansas’ borders.

If you are a new resident to Kansas – on or after July 1, 2010 – and possess a valid CCH license from another jurisdiction, you may apply for the Kansas CCH and obtain a 180-day receipt from the Attorney General’s office which will allow you to continue carrying with your non-Kansas CCH to continue carrying concealed while your Kansas CCH application is pending. Persons moving to Kansas may be allowed to bypass the state’s required handgun safety and training class if the training they received to obtain that non-Kansas CCH was equal to or greater than the Kansas training requirements. At a minimum, this training must include handgun safety, actual firing of handguns, and a review of laws governing the carrying of concealed handguns and the use of deadly force. A person applying for the Kansas license must provide a copy of their training certificate and proof that the training included the minimum requirements for recognition. The 180 day receipt will indicate whether or not the person is required to complete the Kansas training class. If you fall within this category, please review related postings on the Attorney General’s website (www.ag.ks.gov under the “public safety” and “concealed carry” tabs).

States That Recognize Kansas CCH Licenses

DO NOT assume that states recognized by Kansas will automatically recognize a Kansas CCH license. The following states have acknowledged that they do recognize the Kansas concealed carry license. While the Attorney General’s Office will attempt to keep this list current, it is ultimately the Kansas concealed carry licensee who is responsible for making sure their carry in another jurisdiction is lawful. Licensees are responsible for knowing and complying with the laws regulating concealed carry in any state they are traveling in. **IMPORTANT:** Because of the differing firearms laws between the States, it is possible that someone who is lawful to possess firearms in Kansas may not be lawful to possess firearms in another jurisdiction. As an example, some states may not allow ANY convicted felons to possess firearms whereas under Kansas law, certain felons can have their firearm rights restored after a period of time. That other jurisdiction can still cite that prohibited person with a criminal violation of their laws even though that person possesses a recognized concealed carry license from Kansas. Again, it is the licensee’s obligation to know their criminal history and know the laws of the jurisdiction where they will be traveling to or visiting. Here is the list of States who currently honor the Kansas license:

Alabama	Alaska	Arizona	Arkansas
Colorado	Florida	Georgia	Idaho
Indiana	Iowa	Kentucky	Louisiana
Michigan	Minnesota	Mississippi	Missouri
Montana	Nebraska	Nevada	New Mexico
North Carolina	North Dakota	Ohio	Oklahoma
Pennsylvania	South Carolina	South Dakota	Tennessee
Texas	Utah	Vermont	Virginia
Washington	West Virginia	Wisconsin	Wyoming

*NOTE: Again, on and after July 1, 2013, Kansas will honor all “valid” non-Kansas CCH licenses for non-Kansas residents. As such, the above list **should** expand thereafter to include states such as Delaware, Maine and New Hampshire; those are states that require their license to be honored by Kansas before they will honor the Kansas CCH.*

States that Do Not Recognize Kansas Concealed Carry Handgun Licenses

California	Connecticut	Delaware	District of Columbia
Hawaii	Illinois	Maine	Maryland
Massachusetts	New Hampshire	New Jersey	New York
Oregon	Rhode Island		

NOTE: See the above paragraph. There are multiple states above which may eventually be removed from this list as they should, at some point after July 1, 2013, begin honoring the Kansas CCH license. Some may need more time than others – and some may begin to recognize the KS CCH immediately upon Kansas beginning to honor their license. Keep up to date on additions or subtractions to these categories at www.ag.ks.gov as the site will be updated upon any changes that are made.